Secret Study On Tonkin Kept From Senators

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A secret study that may raise
further questions about official
handling of the Gulf of Tonkin
incidents in 1964 is being denied
an inquiring Senate committee,
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Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week sadie would not turn the same state of the would not turn the same state of the condition of the same state of the last blooked into its "relability." The same state of the study data for the Pentagon by the manitude for Defense Analyses and McNamara's refusal to give it to the committee are among the main disclosures in a 10-page record of the commit-tee's questioning of McNamara for 7th hours behind closed doors last Tuesday.

Doubts Reflected
The record, made public last
night with only minor deletions
to protect secrets, covers the
panel's day-long probe reflecting
some senators' growing doubts
about the 1964 incidents which
led to the first U.S. bombing of
North Victam.

Those incidents — some kind
of contact between U.S. patrol
ships and North Victnamese vessels on Aug. 2 and 4, 1964—also
led to congressional approval of
take "all necessary measures"
to repel Asian aggression.

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• A highly detailed chronology by McNamara of the steps he and top military men took on the afternoon of Aug. 4 to make "damned sure what happened" before recommending to President Johnson that the United. States retailate.

A brief hint, not entirely clear in its meaning, that one hour, after the reprisal bombing order went out, a top Navy officer still, was trying to resolve doubts that two U.S. destroyers had been attacked.

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